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**Salt Lake City to Conduct Annual Draining of Liberty Lake and Prepare for Cleanup Activity**  
Oil Spill Cleanup at Pond to Begin Once Chevron Plan is Approved

SALT LAKE CITY – Residents will see increased activity at Liberty Park as Salt Lake City workers begin the annual draining of Liberty Lake on Monday, November 1, for pond maintenance and in preparation for freezing temperatures. Simultaneously, contractors hired by Chevron will be mobilizing with office trailers and large vehicles at the park to prepare for next steps in the cleanup and restoration of Liberty Lake.

In response to the Red Butte Oil Spill in June, Liberty Lake was used as an oil catch basin to minimize the impact of the spill to the Jordan River and beyond to the Great Salt Lake. Cleanup efforts will commence upon approval of Chevron’s work plan by the Unified Command which includes the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Valley Health Department, and Chevron.

Residents can expect work trucks and trailers, fencing around the pond, and use of a portion of the southeast parking area by workers and their machinery until the cleanup process is substantially complete. Although the complete effects of the oil spill on the area will not be fully addressed, the City aims to have all Lake-related cleanup and construction completed by spring 2011.

“As Chevron begins its cleanup and remediation of Liberty Lake we will continue to serve as a watchdog to restore Liberty Park to its original state,” said Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker. “We look forward to issuing a clean bill of health for Liberty Park and the small but heroic containment pond that protected other waterways from contamination so this well-loved park can be returned to the full use of its visitors and the local wildlife.”

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